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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Project No. 2784-004 – CA

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new license for the Rollins Transmission Line Project located within the Bear River basin, on private land in Placer and Nevada counties, California. The transmission line extends 0.72 mile from Nevada Irrigation District's (NID) existing Rollins powerhouse switchyard (part of the Yuba-Bear Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2266) to the junction with PG&E's Drum-Grass Valley-Weimer transmission line (non-FERC jurisdictional). Commission staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) that analyzes the potential environmental effects of the transmission line and concludes that issuing a new license for the Rollins Transmission Line Project, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of the project and alternatives and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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Any comments on the EA should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice. Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website

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Please contact Mary Greene by telephone at (202) 502-8865 or by e-mail at mary.greene@ferc.gov if you have any questions.

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